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# **That Subtle Talent Which Holds Them Spellbound**

## **Aesthetics and Emotion in Hindu-Christian Encounter**

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**Zeit:** Freitag, 24. Juni 2016, 15h c.t.

**Ort:** Seminarraum 1 des Instituts für Südasien-, Tibet- und  
Buddhismuskunde, Bereich Tibet- und Buddhismuskunde  
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# Programm

- 15:15 Begrüßung durch den Sekretär des Vereins,  
Dr. Marcus Schmücker
- 15:30 Vortrag von Professor Dr. Michelle Voss Roberts: „That Subtle  
Talent Which Holds Them Spellbound”: Aesthetics and Emotion  
in Hindu-Christian Encounter“

Im Anschluss lädt der Verein zu Getränken und Knabbereien.

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**8. Jahresvortrag des Vereins „Sammlung de Nobili –  
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Interreligious understanding does not only occur through reasoned dialogue and intellectual analysis of doctrines for their relative truth or error. These assessments also take place on affective, embodied, and emotional levels. Drawing on examples from the life of Roberto de Nobili and other instances of Hindu-Christian encounter, comparative theologian Michelle Voss Roberts will discuss how Indian aesthetic theory illuminates the role of the emotions (rasas) – especially contemplative peace, devotional love, and prophetic fury – in interreligious understanding.

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